

July 1, 2007



Dear Senator Lugar,

I am writing on behalf of the Art Education Association of Indiana, Incorporated (AEAI) to share our gratitude for the Indiana Arts Commission grant we recently received in the Statewide Art Service Organization Category.

Our organization will use these dollars to create valuable professional development opportunities for art educators all over Indiana by hosting two annual conferences (November 2007 and 2008). Each conference will feature a diversity of sessions led by local and regional experts as well as keynote presentations by national speakers. Indiana art teachers will spend three days attending these meetings, bettering themselves both personally and professionally while learning new tips, tricks and lessons to make their classrooms more engaging and enriching.

We are so proud of the work we do with Indiana art teachers and invite you to share this sentiment as a supporter of the arts. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for supporting arts funding for organizations like ours, and we invite you to check in with us at [www.aeai.org](http://www.aeai.org) to keep an eye on what is developing!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Despi Mayes'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Despi' and last name 'Mayes' clearly distinguishable.

Despi Mayes  
Museum Division Representative/ Grant writer  
Art Education Association of Indiana, Inc.

Cc: Connie McClure, AEAI  
Monica Peterson, Indiana Arts Commission